

## **ADRIAN HARRIS**

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### **Academic Qualifications**

B.A. Hons. Philosophy and Literature (2.2), University of Essex, 1981.

B.A. Hons. Photography (2.1), University of Westminster, 1989.

M.A. Photographic Studies, University of Derby, 1994.

Ph.D. Religious Studies, University of Winchester, 2008.

### **Research interests**

Ecotheologies, nature religions, faith and social change, religion and embodiment, embodied knowing, sensory methodologies, eco-philosophy.

### **Teaching Experience**

- Undergraduate seminars at the University of Winchester (2003, 2004, 2005 and 2007). Guest lecturer at the University of Cardiff (2005) and York St. John University (2005).
- Web Design trainer (1999-2005) for the Westminster Adult Education Institute, London. Involved course planning, preparation of material, lecturing, practical demonstrations, individual seminars and final assessment.

### **Skills**

- High level of research skills.  
Editorial skills (co-editor of the Journal For Faith, Spirituality and Social Change).
- Organisational ability (co-convener of the International Faith, Spirituality and Social Change Conference series).
- Administrative skills including planning, organizing and effective time management.
- Good level of IT literacy in word processing, databases, image processing and internet.
- Experience in team work.
- Excellent communication skills, written and verbal.
- Well honed networking skills.

## Memberships

- American Academy of Religion.
- British Association for the Study of Religions.
- British Sociological Society.
- International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature & Culture. (I am also UK Regional Contact).
- Nature Religions Scholars network.
- Person, Culture & Religion Group of the American Academy of Religion.

## Relevant Training and Development

- Anthropology and Religion. Birkbeck, University of London, 2006.
- Presentation Skills. University of Winchester, 2003.
- Research Skills Training. University of Winchester, 2003/4.
- Teaching Dyslexic Students. Westminster Adult Education Service, 2003.
- Time management. Westminster Adult Education Service, 2001.
- Mysticism. Birkbeck, University of London, 1997.
- Introduction to Continental Philosophy. Birkbeck, University of London, 1999.
- City and Guilds Certificate in Teaching Adults, Part 1 (7307). Westminster Adult Education Institute, London, 2002.

## Selected Conferences Presentations

'Focusing on Embodied Knowing: An Embodied Hermeneutics'. Paper accepted for 7th Qualitative Research Conference, September 2008, Bournemouth University. (For symposium panel I convened).

'Honouring The Outcast Dead: The Cross Bones Graveyard'. Paper accepted for Popular Culture Group and the Contemporary Pagan Studies Group at American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 2008.

'Bodies of Faith'. Faith, Spirituality and Social Change Conference, University of Winchester, April 2006.

'Deep Currents: The Two Tides of Neo-Paganism' (co-presented with Dr. Welch). American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Washington, November 2006.

'Embodied Knowing in Eco-Paganism'. International Conference on Social and Religious Studies, Havana, July 2007.

'Bodies of Resistance: Eco-Paganism in the protest movement'. The Society for European Philosophy conference, University of Greenwich, August 2004.

Responent on the New Religious Movements Group and Ritual

Studies Group panel at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, November 2004.

'Goddess Consciousness: Dimensions of Sex, Ecology & the Sacred'. Nature Religion Today conference, Lancaster University, April 1996.  
'Sacred Ecology'. Paganism Today conference, Newcastle University, September 1994.

### **Relevant Employment:**

February 2008 to date: Archivist (part-time), Research and Knowledge Transfer Centre, The University of Winchester.

January 2008: Submitted PhD. Thesis.

February 2003: Registered for part-time PhD. Transferred to full-time in April 2005 on receipt of College Research Studentship.

1999-2005: Web Design trainer (part-time), Westminster Adult Education Institute, London.

### **Publications**

Article: 'Paganism and Neopaganisms', in preparation for forthcoming encyclopaedia "The Spirit of Sustainability", Berkshire Publishing Group.

Chapter: 'Sacred Ecology', in "Paganism" , (ed. Davy, B., forthcoming), part of the Critical Concepts in Religious Studies Series, Routledge. (Reprint of 1996 article detailed below).

Chapter: 'Ritual and Neopaganism', (with Macha M. Nightmare), in "Metaphysical, New Age, and Neopagan Movements", (Gallagher and Ashcraft, 2006), Greenwood Press.

Article: 'Dragon Environmental Network' and 'Ecomagic', in the "Encyclopaedia of Religion and Nature", (Taylor, B., 2005), Continuum.

Article: 'Dragon Environmental Network', in "The Encyclopaedia of Modern Witchcraft and Neo-Paganism", (Rabinovitch, S., and Lewis, J., 2002), Citadel Press.

Chapter: 'Sacred Ecology', in "Paganism Today" (ed. Harvey, G., and Hardman, C., 1996), Harper Collins.

## References

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